

WHAT IS CLAIMED AS NEW AND DESIRED TO BE SECURED BY LETTERS PATENT
OF THE UNITED STATES IS:

1. A photoreceptor comprising:

an electroconductive substrate;

5 a photosensitive layer located overlying the substrate;

and

a protective layer located overlying the photosensitive layer,

wherein the photoreceptor has a property such that when

10 the photoreceptor is charged so as to have a potential of - 700 V and then exposed to light with exposure of 0.4 $\mu\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$, the potential (PL) of a lighted portion of the photoreceptor decreases at a rate not greater than 700 V/sec during a time period of from a time 35 msec after the exposure to a transition
15 time of the photoreceptor.

2. The photoreceptor according to Claim 1, wherein the protective layer comprises a charge transport material.

20 3. The photoreceptor according to Claim 2, wherein the charge transport material is a charge transport polymer.

4. The photoreceptor according to Claim 3, wherein the charge transport polymer has a triaryl amine structure.

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5. The photoreceptor according to Claim 1, wherein the photosensitive layer comprises a charge generation layer and

a charge transport layer, which are overlaid.

6. The photoreceptor according to Claim 5, wherein the
charge transport layer has a charge mobility (μ) not less than
5 1.2×10^{-5} cm²/V · sec at an electric field strength of 4×10^5
V/cm, and wherein dependence (β) of the charge mobility on the
electric field strength (E) is not greater than 1.6×10^{-3} ,
wherein $\beta = \log \mu / E^{1/2}$.

10 7. A method for manufacturing the photoreceptor according
to Claim 1, comprising:

spray-coating a protective layer coating liquid
including a solvent, which dissolves a resin included in the
photosensitive layer, on the photosensitive layer, wherein the
15 following relationship is satisfied:

$$1.3 < W_1/W_2 < 1.9$$

wherein W₁ represents a weight of the coated protective layer,
which is measured after coating the protective layer coating
liquid and allowing the coated liquid to settle for 1 hour under
20 conditions of $25 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$ and $53 \pm 5\%$ RH; and W₂ represents a weight
of the coated protective layer, which is measured after coating
the protective layer coating liquid and drying the coated liquid
for 10 minutes or more at a temperature not lower than a boiling
point of the solvent.

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8. An image forming apparatus comprising:
the photoreceptor according to Claim 1;

a charger configured to charge the photoreceptor;
a light irradiator configured to irradiate the photoreceptor with imagewise light to form an electrostatic latent image on the photoreceptor;

5 an image developer configured to develop the electrostatic latent image with a toner to form a toner image on the photoreceptor; and

 a transfer device configured to transfer the toner image to a receiving material optionally via an intermediate transfer
10 medium,

 wherein an interval between the light irradiation step and the development step is not greater than 100 ms.

9. The image forming apparatus according to Claim 8,
15 wherein the transition time of the photoreceptor is not greater than the interval between the light irradiation step and the development step.

10. A process cartridge comprising:
20 the photoreceptor according to Claim 1; and
 at least one of a charger configured to charge the photoreceptor;
 a light irradiator configured to irradiate the photoreceptor with imagewise light to form an electrostatic
25 latent image on the photoreceptor;

 an image developer configured to develop the electrostatic latent image with a toner to form a toner image

on the photoreceptor;

a transfer device configured to transfer the toner image to a receiving material optionally via an intermediate transfer medium;

5 a cleaner configured to clean a surface of the photoreceptor; and

a discharger configured to reduce charges remaining on the photoreceptor.